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Ray's Chicago Stay Said to Have Ended On Getting Letter

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CHICAGO, Oct. 25—A letter from Canada that James Earl Ray had been expecting was responsible for his hasty departure from Chicago in June, 1967, the wife of his former landlord here said today.

Ray, now awaiting trial in Memphis, Tenn., on a charge of murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., lived about two months in a one-room basement apartment at 2731 Sheffield Avenue on Chicago's Near North Side while working most of this time for the Indian Trail restaurant in suburban Winnetka. The apartment rent was $14 weekly.

Mrs. Gloria Donnelly, wife of Edward Donnelly, owner of the Sheffield Avenue building, said Ray rented the apartment under the name of John Larry Rayns April 20, 1967, this was about 17 days after his escape from the Missouri State Prison in Jefferson City.

Rayns was the alias used in his employment from May 3 through June 24, 1967, as a dishwasher and food server in the Winnetka restaurant operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Klingeman.

Mrs. Donnelly said Ray had told her he was expecting the letter from Canada. When he received it he told her he "had been transferred out." He moved out in the middle of the night, she said. She was not sure of the date, but it may have been June 24, his last day of work at the restaurant.

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